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An interesting report was received on the 5th October 1971, and investigated on the 6th.

At 8.40 p.m. on the 22nd September 1971, an 18 year old apprentice was motor-cycling home from trade school towards his home in Semaphore, a suburb of Adelaide. As he was approaching his home he reported noting a light in the sky, at about 50° elevation in the western sky, which caught his attention as it appeared to descend towards the sea (Semaphore Park beach).

He was mystified as to what it could have been and detoured, taking the road to the beach to investigate further, initially losing the light behind some houses as he drew closer to it.

He proceeded to the waterfront where he reports he noted, about 25° above the sea, some dull form with lighted sections. It appeared to be about 50 feet above sea-level and about 150 feet away from him, out from the shore, and remaining motionless.

He then pointed his motor-bike in the direction of the object and switched on his lights. He shone his high beam at the form and the lighted section dimmed. When he switched off his lights the object's lighting returned to the previous level. When he repeated this trying to flash his lights, the object did not respond and faded slowly, moving out and away over the Gulf of St. Vincent.

The witness was interviewed in front of his parents, and gave his account in a straight and logical manner. Cross questioning failed to reveal any discrepancies in the account.

A physical check of the area concerned failed to produce any likely explanation.

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